

Kangaroo Harvesting Program

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1 Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and undertaken in accordance with the Victorian Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2021-2023. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning (DELWP) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of kangaroos that can be harvested commercially in a year. The Kangaroo Harvest Program quota for 2022 was 127,850, however, as a result of ongoing monitoring this quota amount was modified to 118,980, removing the release of quota from the North East and Lower Wimmera zones for release 3. The first release period of quota commenced 1 January, with the second release commencing 1 July and the third and final release commencing 1 October 2022.

1.1.1 2022 Annual and staged release figures (where quota isn't allocated, it can be carried over into the following release period)

2022				
Zone	Quota allocated Release 1	Quota allocated Release 2	Quota Allocated Release 3	Total
Central	23,075	11,540	11,535	46,150
Gippsland	6,550	3,280	3,270	13,100
Lower Wimmera	15,275	7,640	0	22,915
Mallee	525	265	265	1,050
North East	2,475	1,210	30	3,715
Otway	10,325	5,165	5,160	20,650
Upper Wimmera	5,700	2,850	2,850	11,400
Total	63,925	31,980	23,075	118,980

1.1.2 Allocation and Consumption Figures – Overview

- 60,595 tags were allocated in Release 1 and 26,030 tags were allocated in Release 2. 8,090 tags were allocated in Release 3. This totalled 94,715 which is 79.61 per cent of the annual (modified) 118,980 tags available.

2022				
Zone	Annual quota (modified)	Total allocated quota	Quota remaining	Total quota consumed
Central	46,150	33,890	12,260	24,414
Gippsland	13,100	11,050	2,050	6,887
Lower Wimmera	22,915	22,915 + (7,640 not released – adjustment to annual total)	0	18,671
Mallee	1,050	985	65	703
North East	3,715	3,715 + (1,180 not released – adjustment to annual total)	0	2,112
Otway	20,650	11,950	8,700	8,691
Upper Wimmera	11,400	10,210	1,190	6,868
Total	118,980	94,715	24,265	68,346

2 Consumption

2.1.1 Monthly consumption

Zone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Central	1356	2271	2206	2159	3057	3085	2791	1821	1465	1084	1142	1927	24414
Lower Wimmera	1050	2685	3048	2391	1845	1370	2637	1621	825	66	72	1061	18671
Mallee	0	0	185	75	115	0	0	0	0	131	0	197	703
Otway	346	803	586	617	1005	1363	1069	621	278	601	487	915	8691
Upper Wimmera	121	436	613	792	1101	1199	803	330	173	101	93	1106	6868
Gippsland	338	902	521	702	548	375	597	445	693	451	492	823	6887
North East	252	315	179	94	140	128	155	130	116	15	104	484	2112
Total²	3463	7412	7338	6830	7811	7520	8052	4968	3550	2449	2440	6513	68346

²Total monthly consumption figures may slightly vary from the previous published quarterly reports due to data upload times and reconciliation

3 Harvest Information

3.1 Overview

Harvesters enter harvest summaries at the completion of each job via a mobile phone application hosted by Service Victoria.

As the harvest summary figures are self-reported, there are often differences between the reported and actual figures.

3.1.1 Harvest Report 2022 Per Zone – Species, Sex, Dependent Young.

Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Eastern Grey	Female	Young at foot
Central	0	21640	8448	1304
Gippsland	0	5650	2355	492
Lower Wimmera	0	14340	5752	494
Mallee	367	306	76	46
North-East	0	1856	615	73
Otway	0	7098	3002	390
Upper Wimmera	972	3332	2361	248

Number of Western Grey Kangaroos	1,339
Number of Eastern Grey Kangaroos	54,210
Number of Females	22,607
Tagged carcasses stored for processor	69,372

²There is a variation between tagged carcasses for processing and quota consumed figures. This is because harvesters manually enter the data separately from the scanning of tags.

3.2 Harvesters who received an allocation in 2022

Harvesters can work across zones. As a result, the total number of harvesters that received allocations is greater than the actual number of authorised harvesters.

Harvest Zone	Harvesters:
Central	76
Gippsland	45
Lower Wimmera	23
Mallee	4
North-East	61
Otway	32
Upper Wimmera	31

4 2022 Compliance figures

Number of applications for authorisations received	43
Number of applications authorised after meeting requirements	30
Number of Authorisations suspended	2
Number of Authorisations cancelled	1
Current number of authorised harvesters	158
Number of investigations	13
Number of offences substantiated	5
Number of Authorisations suspended or cancelled	2
% of active harvesters ³ subject to programmed in-field audits	60%
% of active harvesters subject to unannounced in-field audits	15%

Number of desktop/phone audits on harvesters and on private property where harvesting occurs	62	
Number of complaints received against Authorised Officers undertaking duties in accordance with the KHP	0	
Number of information reports submitted specifically relating to KHP	34	

³An active harvester is a harvester who records an annual take equal to, or more than the state-wide mean. For 2022, this was 435 kangaroos.